

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A panel ~~Panel (1), preferably floor panel,~~
comprising:

a decorative layer ~~(4)~~ with a decorative pattern[[,]];

a support layer ~~(3)~~ for supporting the decorative layer; and

a carrier ~~(2)~~ for supporting the support layer ~~(3)~~ wherein the support layer ~~(3)~~ is arranged at least partially between the decorative layer ~~(4)~~ and the carrier; and, (2)

~~characterized in that~~

the decorative layer ~~(4)~~ is at least partially absent, ~~preferably removed,~~ such that the support layer ~~(3)~~ is at least partially visible.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The panel ~~Panel~~ of claim 1, characterized by the decorative layer ~~(4)~~ being absent at least in an area ~~(5a,5b)~~ located at an edge of the panel ~~(1)~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The panel ~~Panel~~ of ~~any of claims claim 1 or 2,~~ characterized by the decorative layer ~~(4)~~ being absent in an area ~~(5a,5b)~~ located at one edge of the panel ~~(1)~~ but not at the opposite edge.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The panel ~~Panel~~ of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 3,~~ characterized by the decorative layer ~~(4)~~ being at least absent in an area ~~(5a,5b)~~ of the panel ~~(1)~~ which is not located at the edge of the panel ~~(1)~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The panel ~~Panel~~ of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 4,~~ characterized by the decorative layer ~~(4)~~ being absent in an area ~~(5a,5b)~~ which is a strip.

Claim 6 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 5,~~
characterized in that in the support layer (3) is partially absent, preferably removed, where the
decorative layer (4) is absent.

Claim 7 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 6,~~
characterized by the panel (1) comprising an abrasive overlay (8) over the decorative layer (4).

Claim 8 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of claim 7, characterized in that the
abrasive overlay (8) is absent where the decorative layer (4) is absent.

Claim 9 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 8,~~
characterized by the decorative layer (4) being a printed paper.

Claim 10 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 9,~~
characterized by the support layer (3) being a layer comprising kraft paper, which is preferably
coloured or dyed.

Claim 11 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 10,~~
characterized by the carrier (2) comprising HDF, MDF, plastic, wood or the like.

Claim 12 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 11,~~
characterized by the cross section of the area (5a, 5b) where the decorative layer (4) is absent
being rectangular.

Claim 13 (currently amended) ~~The panel~~ Panel of ~~any of claims claim 1 to 12,~~
characterized by a plurality of connecting portions (6, 7) at the edges of the panel (1) for
connecting the panels (1) by snapping, tilting, clicking or the like with or without play.

Claim 14 (currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ of fabricating a panel, preferably
~~a floor panel (1),~~ comprising the step of preparing a sandwich of
a decorative layer (4) with a decorative pattern
a support layer (3) for supporting the decorative layer and
a carrier (2) for supporting the support layer (3) wherein the support layer (3) is arranged
between the decorative layer (4) and the carrier (2),
characterized by

and the step of removing partially the decorative layer-(4) such that the support layer-(3) becomes visible or by not providing the decorative layer in some area.

Claim 15 (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ of claim 14, characterized in that in the step of removing the decorative layer (4)-the support layer is also partially removed.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The method of claim ~~Method of any of claims 14 or 15~~, characterized in that ~~the sandwich is cut~~ further comprising the step of cutting the sandwich into single panels (1)-before or after the step of removing the decorative layer-(4).

Claim 17 (currently amended) The method of claim ~~Method of any of claims 15 to 16~~, characterized in that the decorative layer (4)-is removed by a saw-(13), preferably a circular saw.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The method of claim ~~Method of any of claims 14 to 17~~, characterized in that the decorative layer (4)-is removed in an area (5a,5b)-of the shape of a ~~stripe or preferably a plurality of stripes~~, where some of those stripes are ~~preferably~~ in an perpendicular orientation to each other.

Claim 19 (currently amended) A machine ~~Machine~~ for fabricating panels, ~~preferably floor panels~~, comprising

a support surface (17)-for supporting panels-(1)

a saw, ~~preferably a circular saw (13)~~, which extends beyond the support surface by an amount of not more than 1.0 mm, ~~preferably 0.5 mm~~, and

a counter pressure mechanism for providing a counter pressure opposite of the circular saw.